(b) if so, the state-wise details thereof togetherwith the findings of the survey;

(c) whether Government have formulated any time-bound scheme for the treatment of Leprosy; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C. SILVERA) (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. General/contact survey for early detection of leprosy cases is a part of duties of leprosy workers. General Survey is to be completed in every 5 years, while contact survey in the affected families annually. Detials of new cases so detected are provided by the states through monthly reports. No sepearate data of surveys are collected or required.

(c) and (d) National Leprosy Erdications Programme is being implemented as a Centrally Sponsored Scheme with an aim to eliminate leprosy in India by the Year 2000 A.D. Under the programme, free Multi Drug Therapy (MDT) treatment services are provided to leprosy patinets.

**Operational availability of aircrafts**

2358. SHRI JAGIR SINGH DARD: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the possibility of acquisition by Pakistan of F 16s do concern our Air Force due to its deficiencies in improving operational availability of aircrafts;

(b) if so, what steps are being taken to surmount this; and

(c) if not, how good is our preparedness?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) to (c) The Government views with concern any acquisition by Pakistan beyond its legitimate Defence requirements. Any such acquisition is always taken into consideration while formulating our Defence strategy. Necessary steps have been taken to countrer any possible threat from our adversaries by augmenting our resources, wherever necessary.

**Failure of Public Health System**

2359. SHRI YERRA NARAYANSWAMY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether diseases and illnessed like cholera and malaria are the result of the failure of public health system;

(b) whether it is a fact that malaria and cholera are due to lack of prompt attention by Government;

(c) whether victims of choleara and malaria will be finance compansated for such affliction by Government; and

(d) in what manner Government propose to protect people from serious infections and diseases caused by failure of public health system?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C. SILVERA): (a) Diseases and illness like Cholera and malaria are linker maintenance of envirornmental hygenie, sanitation, consumption of safe food and drinking-water.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) There is no such proposal under consideration.

(d) State Governments have to improve sanitation, ensure adequate availability of safe drinking water and strengthen public health infrastructure.

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2360. SHRIMATI MALTI SHARMA:
SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE:
SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:
SHRI RAJ NATH SINGH:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state: